EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP 2872**

Docket No.: 1185.1018/STB

Group Art Unit: 2872

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kayoko MASAKI et al.

Serial No. 08/772,259

Filed: December 23, 1996

Examiner: T. Nguyen

LIGHT CONTROL ELEMENT AND SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE OF For:

SIDE LIGHT TYPE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 1999, and having a period for response set to expire on November 9, 1999. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 9, 2000. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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